



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

KEY SCRIPTURE | Acts 2:42–47

DISCUSSION GUIDE

With so much going on at Cedar Valley, it might seem like we're in the business of people as busy as possible.

That couldn't be any further from the truth. Cedar Valley's mission is to glorify God by leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus. Services, life groups, study groups, and other activities are opportunities we create to help that happen. They're means to an end, not an end in themselves. When we make them the "end," we get caught up in legalism. When we view them that way, we can quickly become being buckets instead of funnels, not developing that growing relationship with Jesus.

We track our attendance and encourage you to invite your friends to church not because we want to see that number go up, but because each number represents a soul—a person Jesus died for, a person we have the opportunity to minister to. Each life—each person—matters. Whether the number is 2 or 200, we celebrate every time we have the opportunity to lead someone into a growing relationship with Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about your church background. Is Cedar Valley your first church? Have you been to big churches, small churches, churches of other denominations? How involved were you?
2. What do you remember from Sunday's message? Did anything confuse or challenge you?
3. Read Acts 2:42–47. What was the early church committed to? How does Cedar Valley demonstrate commitment to those things? How do you?
4. Are there things that make church difficult for you? How can you work through them?
5. Pastor Neal shared how he thinks of Cedar Valley as an ant hill. What can we learn from that image? How does it inspire you?
6. How can participating in activities and programs like study groups, life groups, One Night, etc. help you be a funnel instead of a bucket (see Pastor Greg's message from Sept. 3)?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Take an inventory. Which of the four areas needs attention in your life? What's your next step?

